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HRISTMAS—STRANGEST FACT OF ALL

NELSON C. DREIER, Minister

Christmas is without doubt the strangest fact of our world. It is more mysterious than television, atomic power and wonder drugs. It has greater importance than any combination of discoveries that science can conceive. Look at it.

The whole world madly celebrates the birthday of a tiny baby born into the family of Mary and Joseph, an unknown carpenter from Nazareth. He lived and died in an obscure part of the world. He wrote no book, had no money, no influential friends, struck no immediate blow for freedom, seemed to have no great power, and when a young man, was executed for high treason, like a common criminal.

Our age has turned its back on recognition of birthdays for such historic personages as Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonapart and Julius Caesar. We read the writings of Socrates, Shakespeare, Longfellow and Emerson but seldom mention the date of their birth. The celebration of Christmas goes deeper. It has persisted and grown in meaning through the centuries. It was not especially noted for hundreds of years after Jesus' death. Now it has become a world festival more than 2000 years later. The deeper, finer thing that makes this birthday so full of meaning is that it floods our lives with the full meaning of the life and spirit and teachings of Jesus the Christ. Tinsel and dolls, flowers and holly, toys and silver ribbon, lights and evergreens all speak to us of the new joy that came to the earth in the birth of the Christ-child. We are lifted above the confusion of gift-giving and we center our thought on the world's greatest gift of all, the Baby born in a manger in a lowly cattle stall. For a few days and hours the whole world turns to Him to catch the refrain of the angels that announced his birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Men have questioned: "Do you suppose there ever really was a Jesus Christ?" The answer comes clear and strong: "There not only was, but he is alive in us today." It is a miracle to be sure. Christmas is our recognition of the living power of Jesus Christ in us and in our world. No person living today wields a fraction of the influence on the life of people as does this Man born so many years ago in such humble circumstances. None is so much discussed, despised, loved and adored.

Once again we recognize God's greatest gift to us—Jesus Christ, His Son, Our Lord and Saviour. It is He who has raised everyone of us to a life of dignity and worth. It is He who redeems us from lives of unworthiness and sin and lifts us up to be worthy to be called "The Sons of God."

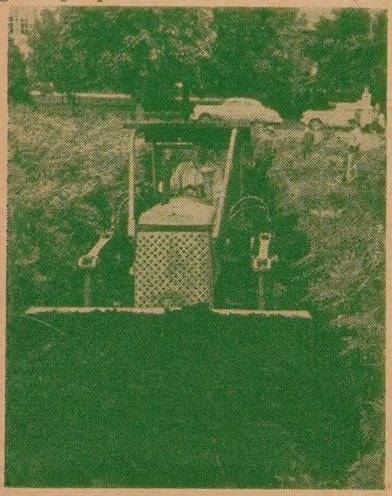
Christmas has been cheapened and commercialized far too much. Let us keep alive its true meaning. Christians can rise above the tendency to degrade Christmas. We have the story of His birth. We sing the carols of His praise. We worship in our churches made beautiful to welcome Him again. We lift our hearts in prayer and praise and the Baby Jesus comes among us to call us to give our hearts and lives anew to the love and service of the full grown Christ.

"Oh come, let us adore Him,
Christ, The Lord."

FORKS BREAKS GROUND

Ground was broken for the new church at Forks, the Rev. Norman L. Scruton, pastor, on September 18th. An electric caterpillar removed the top soil from the outline of the floor plan. The church is indebted to the generosity of Mr. Rhyne for moving in Lloyd Kitchell's caterpillar which was donated to do the grading, and to Mr. Leonard who operated the caterpillar and did an excellent job of grading under rainy conditions.

This church, located in a new area of the city, is a most ambitious project, the culmination of a long continued dream of some of the good people of Forks.



Ground Breaking, Forks Congregational Church

A loan of $40,000 from the Church Building Fund has helped greatly in making the new church a possibility. The Forks Community has raised nearly $70,000 in cash and pledges. Much volunteer labor will be required during the building of this church and much additional sacrificial giving on the part of the people of Forks is inevitable.

The picture above shows the modern way of breaking ground in starting a church.

EVERY MEMBER CANVAS NEWS

Fairmount Federated Church had a series of Neighborhood M ings as part of their training the Every Member Canvass. T meetings gave opportunity friendly discussion of the prog and work of the church and of Christian's Stewardship resp bility. Mr. Atlee Nelson was c man of the program and he assisted by Dr. Nelson C. Dr minister of the conference, in t ing the visitors.

Rev. A. D. Brokaw, ministe Arlington First United Church, a strong word of praise for his men in the good work done in recent Every Member Can Three-quarters of the budget raised as he wrote, with one- of the people still to be seen. has a strong word of assurance "the training sessions did the tr In reference to the report mee he uses the word "glow" and the men had nothing but glad thankful comments. The women deserve a special word of mendation for their faithfulnes serving the meals and in d much of the clerical work of program. Dr. Nelson C. Dreier ducted the training sessions preached at the morning servic

Supt. Archie Hook reports tha men went out at Wallace Congr tional Church on the Every-Mem Canvass on Sunday, November It is a thrilling thing when a ch can marshall that number of voted laymen ready to go out call, asking for the support of t institution. Dr. Hook was with t on the day of the Canvass. The Elmer Nourse and his loyal pe are to be commended upon the gress they are making in the ch there.

CIAL ACTION'S NEW LOOK

rospect Church, Seattle, was the ting place of a Social Action itute, Sunday, November 7th n 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. Top leaders he denominational program were sent to make presentations and l discussion under the conference mittee, with Rev. Paul R. Don-n, Jr., chairman.

ev. Ray Gibbons, of the New k Office of Social Action told Highlights of the Council for So- Action program for 1954-55. director of the council said that resources of the organization ld be used more to stimulate ividuals and local churches to dy, discussion and action. The A will help by providing semin- institutes in at least five cen- annually, publications like ial Action magazine, worship study materials, and through peration with conference com-tees in their programs. One hun-d twenty four people were in endance. Dinner was served by es of the church to those who made advance reservations. The ning session featured an address Rev. Galen R. Weaver, Race Re-ons secretary of the Council. He ke on "Progress Against Segre-ion and The Churches' Part." is was a ringing challenge to ristians to give leadership to the se which the United States Su-me Court has moved ahead so ny years by its recent decisions. gregation was defined as "the ex-nally imposed separation of peo- or groups based on color, race or ional origin." Churches must be guard lest they give moral sanc-n by continuing the pattern in organized groups. The principle segregation is a denial of Chris-n faith and the Fatherhood of d and is opposed to what Chris-ns believe about the worth of ividuals, said the speaker. He ged the churches to cooperate as move forward to eliminate this l of our society.

Rev. Galen R. Weaver, Race Relations Secretary of the Council for Social Action.

COMMITTEE ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Our committee on Refugee Resettlement reports that to date our churches have given 101 assurances for married refugees and 15 for unmarried, out of 500 which is our national quota. Securing a job for the breadwinner of the family which satisfies the State Employment office is the big hurdle. Helping the family get started after arrival is another. The sponsoring church is invited always to pay inland transportation from New York whenever that is possible.

"It is difficult for a refugee to wait these days, weeks and months," writes Charles S. Souder, chairman of our Committee on Resettlement. If your church is interested in adopting a Refugee family, why not do it now. Write Congregational Christian Service Committee, Inc., 110 E. 29th St., New York 16, New York for authoritative information.

HOW THEY BUILT THE PARSONAGE

The crew who did the work.

The new parsonage for the minister of Fauntleroy Community Church is at last becoming a reality. Designed by the architectural firm of Durham, Anderson & Freed, it is situated on a hillside with a lovely view of Puget Sound and the Olympic mountains. The new home should be ready for Mr. Ernest Yarrow and his family about the end of November.

A combination of contract labor and volunteer help from the men and women of the church is making the parsonage take shape. Funds amounting to $5,500 were raised through a Special Gifts program conducted by the Parsonage Committee. The remainder of the building fund was obtained through a mortgage. The building lot was already part of the church property. The special gifts method for raising funds was chosen to avoid conflict with the Every Member financial canvass in November. To allow for a broader scope of contribution even the "small-fry" were encouraged to purchase bricks at ten cents apiece.

The house is being built by Prudential Builders, Inc., with the ception of the painting, laying tile flooring, electrical work landscaping. These items are h handled entirely by volunteer v parties. These parties are held e Saturday morning from eight-th until twelve-thirty. As the exte is completed and work can be inside the building, work parties be held evenings as well as on urdays. Office workers, professi men and others all turn carpe

Fauntleroy Parsonage, partially compl

e setter, painter and electrician r these parties. Even our good inister, Mr. Yarrow, has turned ench digger to help the progress the building. The women of the urch do their part by serving ffee and cookies to the hard work- g men of the volunteer parties. ey may perhaps have a chance help with the making of curtains, c., when the house is ready for e "woman's touch."

It has taken many hours of hard ork by the Parsonage Committee, e architect, the contractors and e volunteer workers to get the rsonage started but we know we ill have a beautiful home for our inister and his family when all is mpleted. For our lovely new urch and this new parsonage we e grateful to all of those who ve helped us to erect these two autiful buildings where we may rve our community through Him.

Mrs. Melvin J. Larson.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL

Eltopia launched a new Sunday chool on Sunday, October 31st. Ses- ons will be held every Sunday at 45 a.m. in the school building, the cal school board having generously aed available the building for this rpose.

Mrs. Douglas Gibson will act as perintendent of the school. Assist- g her as teachers will be Mrs. aynard Baillie, Mrs. Ross Russell, rs. Marvin Schollenberder, Mrs. e Strebwick and the Rev. Elmer ostetler. We welcome this new hool, which we trust is but the ginning of a great church work Eltopia, a new town allocated to in the Columbia Basin. The Rev. lmer Hostetler, pastor of the urch at Mesa, has charge of the ltopia work.

TWO COMMITTEES TO ELECT

Every church should elect two mmittees in addition to the other ficers and boards to carry on their ork for the new year. Ask your nominating committee for the Annual Meeting to nominate strong and able people for the committee on the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS for 1955 and we will send them suggested work to do through the ear. Also elect a vigorous committee on OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION and we will train them in area meetings when Miss Ione Catton is in our conference for Workshops for this purpose Feb. 6-16. Don't Fail.

MAGNOLIA CHURCH PLANNING TO BUILD

On Religious Education Sunday, the Rev. Kenneth D. Claypool, pastor of our Magnolia Church, preached on "Their Future Is Now." He outlined the plan of the church to proceed on a canvass of all members and friends to raise the necessary resources to build the educational and social activity addition to the church. Representatives of the Wells Organization are to direct the program.

Mr. Claypool remarked, "Obviously, this is going to call for our best in prayer and effort; it's going to mean the sacrifice of much that we think is important. But I feel confident that as we as individuals and church organization will gladly make the sacrifice, knowing that Christ and the church are depending on it. We will do it also knowing that their future is now."

Dr. Martin Goslin in his news from Plymouth writes, "Can you envision a table 25,000 miles long? Think of millions of people gathered around it and note their varying colors and dress. You would hear over a thousand languages and dialects being spoken. Strange manners and customs would be apparent among the motley throng. But one common call would have brought them together. One common purpose would have motivated their action, The Supper of Our Lord. Literally that is what will take place on next Sunday morning."

WALLA WALLA PIONEERS AGAIN

An unique combination of a "Consultation on the Christian Vocation" and Service of Installation was held at the Walla Walla First Church on Wednesday, October 27th.

Following a six o'clock dinner in the social room of the parish house, the Rev. Franklin Elliott spoke to the question, "Can I Be a Christian on My Job." Following his address the Eccleciastical Council voted to install him.

At eight p.m. there were seven group discussions centering around the statement, "I Am a Christian. I am a person that has a job to do each week. What does it mean that I am both at once?" Miss Hedwig Zorb led the group on teaching and library; Mr. Tyler Seeley on agriculture, horticulture, food processing and farm machinery; David Stevens and Donald Sherwood on business, industry, finance, transportation; Dr. Frank Haigh on engineering, science and research; Mr. Reed Clark on salesmanship and sales clerking; Mr. John Cranor on public services and special service, and Mr. Murray Taggart on doctors, dentists, nurses and lawyers.

This discussion pattern, which is rather new to us out here, offers great possibilities, and evidently justified its use preceding the Service of Installation, by creating a keen sense of our responsibilities as Christians in all legitimate vocations.

At nine o'clock the Installation Service proper occurred. Splendid music, with Mrs. Homer Oft at the organ, and the chancel choir under the direction of Georgia Mae Gallivan, added greatly to the service. Formal parts in the installation service were taken by the Rev. R. K. Anderson, Dr. Archie Hook, Mrs. Sidney Chaffee, the Rev. Wilson Rasco, the Rev. Frank Kelsey, the Rev. David Julius, the Rev. Bernard C. Herrick, and the Rev. Franklin Elliott.

The committee in charge of evening's program included M Ralph Stevens, Mr. Judd Kimb John Forsberg, Mrs. C. E. Wo worth, Mrs. Grace Houghton a John Burnett.

Walla Walla Church, the old church in our fellowship in state, has pioneered in many wa Perhaps they have pioneered ag in setting a new pattern for a se ice of installation. We all join wishing the pastor and people ma wonderful years of service togeth

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Frederick Fagley calls att tion to the newly organized Cong gational Historical Society. writes that because of our herita we have a responsibility that we to assume only at the risk of los what is infinitely precious. The t of this Historical Society is to ma known our heritage.

The Society was formally proved by the General Council C gregational Christian Churches its meeting in New Haven in Ju The Council commended the H torical Society to the national ag cies, state conferences, lo churches, interested individuals a invited their cooperation in the p gram and in such financial supp that they may be able and will to extend.

Membership in the Society is corded churches contributing dollars or more per year and to dividuals contributing five doll or more per year. All contribut receive a newsletter and other p lications that refer to the Socie

Helen Kenyon, Chairman of Committee on Public Relatio says, "The ideal support would every church putting Hostorical ciety into its annual budget" gift of ten dollars or more wo make the church a full voting me ber of the Society.

The Society may be reached Room 47, 289 Fourth Avenue, N York 10, New York.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

he Pilgrim Fellowship groups of conference held a Work Day for st on Saturday, October 23rd, rding to schedule. Our young ple spent themselves freely in ual labor for Christ and the rch on that day. We have had rts from a number of these ips.

picture of Lorelle Warren of hlamet in the "Cathlamet Eagle" vs her with hands badly inked. contribution for "Work Day for ist" was made as "Printer's il" on the "Eagle." The Cath- et group made $55 as they cut sh, waxed floors, washed win- s and cars, picked up debris and mpted various other tasks.

Lorelle Warren, Cathlamet

Walla Walla Church reports a at day with $106 as a result of h Junior and Senior High work. s the most successful Work Day P. F. has ever had there.

First Tacoma is happy over the erous $65 earned by their young ple. Veradale reports $50—a fine ievement.

Yakima has reason to be proud of $87 earned by washing cars, ing leaves, picking apples, etc. y report that the balance of ir $100 pledge will be made by ing Christmas cards.

Pasco, Junior and Senior Fellow- ps, report approximately $50 ned. Kellogg made $59, Kirkland .90, Seattle Keystone $14, Harrington $67.50, Almira $55, Lowell $7 and Lakeview $8. Magnolia, Seattle, did great work in making $114.13. In addition the Pilgrim Fellowship group went out on Hallowe'en night, collected $43.53 for "UNICEF" and many pounds of candles for Japan.

Marjorie Campbell, Ruth Roach and Robert Campbell doing their bit.

Plymouth Church, Seattle, had a live group at work on the same day. They made $120.10 working at many different jobs. The picture above shows three of the young people as they painted a fence for Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens in Seattle. If they were able to look as immaculately clean at the end of the day's work as they are here at the start, they know how to paint better than most of us do. They are fine looking young painters at that.

Reports of others will be coming in. We are proud of young people whose pledge of $1000 for missions is made possible through their special "Work Day for Christ." Congratulations upon a great day.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

One of the finest addresses made at the Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho Association came from the president of the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship, Mr. Marc Nathan of Almira. One cannot forget his forthright approach, his deep sincerity, and manifest ability of this young man. It is no wonder that the conference youth organization is developing rapidly.

Unique organizations at Plymouth Church, Seattle, Dr. Martin Goslin, minister, are the church colonies. They are real groups which meet about twice a year for fellowship and for instruction. They vary as to effectiveness, but all in all they provide a fellowship touch which is missing in the setup of the average metropolitan church. Dr. Goslin and the Rev. John Gibson have been very busy attending colony meetings, two or three of them each week, since the fall work started. The consummation of the fall colony program is all-colony dinner which is held in November.

Dr. Nelson Dreier, conference minister, has been spending considerable time outside our conference area in work for the Missions Council. He recently made a series of fall visitations with Superintendent Harry Johnson of the Southern Idaho Conference touching each church in the conference. The emphasis was upon stewardship.

Just before the Vancouver Association he helped the Beaverton, Oregon, Church in planning their Every-Member-Canvass. Another interesting assignment was that of a meeting with the Northwest Fellowship of Community Churches at Battleground Community Church in Washington not long ago.

Mrs. J. A. Bline, formerly president of our conference Women's Fellowship, who has had a long hospital experience this past year, is back at home again. Mrs. Bline has spent herself very freely in the women's work of the conference and we rejoice over her recovery.

The Union Congregational Church of Summit Park, the Rev. Lynne, pastor, is in a most lenging position just now. The oil refinery in Anacortes is fu ing them with a growing popul The new addition to the c building is too small before wholly completed.

Recently Mrs. Margaret P Fisk of First Church, Tacoma, s at Summit Park on "For the F of This Hour." A confirmation with a dozen in attendance is underway. We shall look fo with great anticipation to the growth of this church.

The Rev. Ira B. Wagoner, merly pastor of our church at aline Falls, supplied at Suqua and Winslow during the absen Dr. Edward Ohrenstein. The p in both churches are deeply gra to him for his helpful service and Mrs. Wagoner are livin their beach home not far Bremerton.

Initiative No. 194 failed r badly in the recent election. dently the people of the state willing for their children to fac alluring beer advertisements v come over TV rather than to a chance on losing out on beer sored programs.

"OUR BEST TO THEM!"

It is always a pleasure to wel new men to the conference. never pleasant to bid men far who have made solid places themselves in our fellowship. time often comes, however, ties of conference fellowship be severed.

The Rev. George Halstead, erett First Church, who has forded such splendid leadersh our church there, has gone to S ham Church in Massachus George's fine spirit of cooper seen in the local church, in th sociation and in the conference his willingness to carry even than his share of the load, hav deared him to us. We wish him his family well in this new torate.

David Rose's last service as pas- of the Alki Church in Seattle cheduled for November 28th. Mr. e goes to our important Rock ings Church in Woming. It will seem right without Dave, and dear family, here in this area. has made an unique place for self not only in our fellowship in the United Christian work of city and state. His radio broad- ts for the Council of Churches be missed by all of us. May h men find genuine opportunities service in their new fields until h time as they are drawn back in to the lovely Pacific North- st." We shall welcome their urn.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Two major objectives face every urch as we come to the close of year in meeting the responsibil- s of Christian World outreach.

. Plan to underwrite the 1954 al on OCWM in full. Go beyond ir accepted goal if at all possible. e Thanksgiving and Christmas erings to achieve this objective. are Our Surplus offerings which l deliver $20 worth of surplus mmodities for every $1 contrib- d can be counted on your goal, we urge giving it as a plus gift possible.

2. Accept the recommended goal 1955 and send in a card telling the amount your church has ac- pted. This puts you on record and icates that you will be working m the first of the year to achieve goal. Churches are honored at Annual Conference meeting if y achieve their accepted goal. is will also give the conference ard of Directors some basis on ich to anticipate income for the w year.

Your cooperation in the above two tters will be greatly appreciated d will indicate that Our Christian rld Mission is not considered an ctive interest in your church but her of the heart of the gospel.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our ministers have requested a repetition of the fine Convocations held last year. The Committee on the Ministry is busy making preparations. The eastern Washington-Northern Idaho clergy will meet at Camp N-Sid-Sen, Monday, April 11, 5 p.m., through Wednesday noon April 13. Ministers in Western Washington will gather Tuesday, April 12 for dinner and stay through Thursday noon, at a place to be announced.

Eastside Ministers this spring at River Ranch Camp, Carnation

The fellowship and inspiration will be enriched by the presence of Dr. Gerald A. Larue, director of the western committee of the National Council of Churches, on the Use and Understanding of the Bible. Rev. Howard E. Spragg, of the staff of our Board of Home Missions, with special interests in vocational evangelism, has accepted our invitation to share in our discussions and good times.

Keep these dates on your calendar for relaxation and thoughtful stimulation just following Easter.

LAYMEN'S RETREATS COMING

Our Laymen have just completed a wonderful series of Schools of Churchmanship planned by the conference committee of the Laymen's Fellowship. Attendance has been good and interest in the splendid presentations of Dr. Warren H. Denison, on "Spiritualizing Church Business and Finance" was excellent.

Next comes the Spring Retreats. Eastern Washington-Idaho men will meet at Camp N-Sid-Sen, April 16 and 17. The Retreat in Western Washington will be the following week-end, April 23 and 24 at Camp Waskowitz. Guest leaders according to advance plans are to be Rev. Howard E. Spragg at N-Sid-Sen and Dr. William C. Jones at Waskowitz. Mr. Spragg is skilled in leadership of laymen's groups all over the country. Dr. Jones is a top layman, Vice President of Administration at the University of Oregon and for some years a member of the National Laymen's Fellowship Committee.

FRED HOCKERT

Men are urged to save the dates so they can attend. Organize the men of your church so they will get full benefit from these sessions. Mr. Fred Hockert, of Carnation, is Chairman of the Carnation Conference Laymen's Fellowship.

INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Those of us who heard Miss H gins in her thrilling address on sionary work in Asia will be to know something of the po which a few dollars properly vested may have in India today.

The Christian community in In seems to be made up largely people coming up from the lo economic strata of the country provide for the support of stude which, fortunately by Ameri American standards is inexpens is a serious problem.

Parents pay as much as they to keep their children in school, many of them cannot pay the en amount necessary. The follow schedule gives one an idea of w a few dollars can do properly vested there.

Elementary schools, up to Grade 8, both in Madura and Marathi areas .....$
High School education in Ahmednagar, Madura and Pasumalai .....
College education in Ahmednagar College, the American College and Lady Doak College .....
Professional Schools (Medical, Normal training, etc.,) and Theological .....
Advanced study of experienced workers with families .....
A year of study in England or America .....

No appeal for the above purp is made to the churches as such, individuals, Sunday Schools, men's organizations and men's ganizations may receive apport ment credit for their churches un the approved program of "aut ized specials."

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATIO

The Northwest Association w met in its 63rd annual session convened at First Church in P on Tuesday, October 12th. D tions led by the Rev. Hendrik tynse of the Ferndale Church, w followed by a business session

iresses by Dr. Archie Hook and ss Huggins. Then came the icheon period, the Rev. James F. tes presiding. The afternoon was 'en over to a seminar on "The ble Evangelism" headed by the v. Robert R. Owen, a business eting and then two seminars, a omen's fellowship seminar with s. W. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham chairman and Mrs. E. R. Madson, nference president and Miss Alice ggins as resource leaders, and e Men's Fellowship directed by Dr. Carl Calhoun of Bellingham. The ner speaker was Dr. Nelson eier, minister of the conference. The Blaine people under the direcn of the Rev. Evan David, pastor, ovided for our needs most bountily including a coffee hour both rning and afternoon. Contacts th many old friends is always one the delightful features of the rthwest Association, as it is of e others. It was good to see Mr. bert Still again, a man in his netieth year. The church and the mmunity owe much to him and to wife.

GREAT DAYS AT PASCO

On Saturday, November 15th, the ng anticipated ground breaking remony at First Church, Pasco, ok place. Parts were taken in the rmal service by Mr. I. I. Grigg, airman of the Church Building uncil; Mr. Russell Tuttle, Chairan of the Board of Trustees; Mr. bert Stoecker, Sr. President of e Board of Deacons and Deaesses, and the Rev. Paul Sutley, stor. All members, o....cers and siting guests placed their shovels the sod, following prayer by the stor and sod breaking by the embers of the Building Committee each one thereby having a part in e beginning of this important venre.

Eighteen new members were reived into the fellowship of the rst Congregational Church of sco, Washington, Sunday, Novemr 14, 1954.

Thirty-eight men participated in the annual Every-Member-Canvass the same day. They were especially commissioned to their task in a service of commissioning by the minister, the Rev. Paul D. Sutley, as a part of the morning worship. The Women's Fellowship of the church furnished a dinner following the service of morning worship. The men canvassed between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. and returned with their wives and families to report to the Auditing Committee at 7 p.m. The Evening Circle furnished refreshments.

Mrs. R. Stoecker, Pasco correspondent, writes "These events brought to a climax the efforts of many persons working toward the progressive development of the program of the Congregational Church in Pasco, all occurring on this particular weekend."

The Rev. Franklin R. Elliott, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Walla Walla, reminds us that Christians need to be a part "of the conscience of the community." He writes, "I am encouraged to find so many of our members not only in political organizations but actually running for office."

One cannot forget Miss Alice Huggins as she said, "I am afraid of Communism"" She gave as her reason that as she knew Communists in North China, they had been so conditioned that "They know they are right." And when people know they are right, they are willing to sacrifice anything to proclaim that in which they believe. She raised the question, very logically, as to whether we are sure enough we are right as Christians to equal their spirit of confidence and self-sacrifice, as Communists and Christians struggle for the domination of the minds of the people of the earth.

FRIENDS OF YOUTH

At the Congregational Conference in Spokane last May, Friends of Youth, Inc. was "Adopted" as the Protestant agency of the state concerned with the welfare of dependent children. When "adopted" by us the organization was already four years old. Its solid foundations were due largely to counsel of ministers, public leaders, heads of welfare agencies, juvenile court, and others.

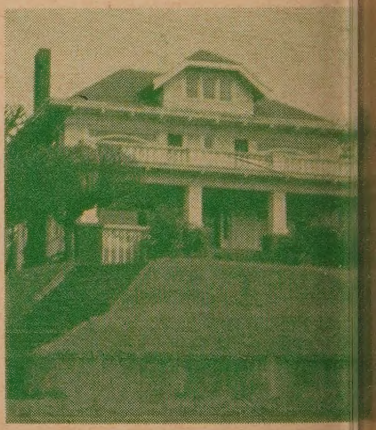
There are more Congregationalists in Friends of Youth than members of any other denomination—it started in University Church—but it is a venture of all Protestants of the state, an attempt to ward off juvenile delinquency by prevention. Placing a dependent child in a Christian home seems to us the best way to make a Christian citizen of him or her.

Therefore Friends of Youth has located many private foster homes where such children are placed. The agency of the state places the child and pays subsistence allotments. F of Y also maintains two sponsored foster homes, each supervised by Christian foster parents of ability and dedication. One home, overlooking Green Lake, Seattle, is for six boys and girls of grade school age or younger. The other is near Renton with a view of Lake Washington and will hold twelve teen-age boys.

A recent remark of one of the young men at the Renton home shows the result of Christian influence. He said, "It's a funny thing—I can't lie any more. Yesterday I was just about to say something over the phone that wasn't so. I told the truth instead. Then I discovered that it isn't easy for me to lie since I've lived here." That remark has warmed the heart of every Friend of Youth who has heard it. Such satisfaction can come to every conference church, now that Friends of Youth belongs to us all.

In addition to the homes, F of Y members have given such valuable service as escorting crippled dren across the state to the W ington Crippled Children's C transporting "Welfare" childre doctors, dentist, stores, etc., a of 4,000 miles in 1953, and ga ing and distributing clothing, b toys, food, etc.

This much and more has done by a comparatively few sons who need recruits. The or ization wants a liaison in e Washington church—this perso head your activity and if pos attend monthly meetings the se Monday evening, in Seattle. L it is hoped there will be branch different parts of the state.



Green Lake Foster Home (10 Roo

The organization is ready nov any important step. It needs one time or half-time employee in c that the financial problems ma solved in a businesslike way the membership increased. But step is impossible without m money. Perhaps some who read article will be able to help to a solution. Memberships (at $25, and $100 per year) woul one answer. Or perhaps you include F of Y in your Home sions budget. Also despera needed are more foster homes

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Mrs. Walter Matsen
Mrs. Walter Starkweather

offer a foster home, to take
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NGO CLUB AT TACOMA

Tacoma First College Age
attended the United Student
wship retreat at Lake Wenat-
on October 8, 9 and 10. One of
urposes of the retreat was to
a state organization of U.S.F.,
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gelical and Reformed united
LeRoy Calbom, President of
ocoma group, was elected Vice
dent of the state organization
ileen Larsen was elected treas-
Other Tacoma young people,
away at school, were elected
Mary Lee Thompson was
d Secretary and Anita Anarde
elected Christian Fellowship
man.

FOREIGN STUDENTS ENTERTAINED

ne time ago the Tolt Congrega-
l Church and the Carnation
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s M. Davis, from the Univer-
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y, stated that each student
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The program at Carnation, which closed this week of visitation, was a warm, friendly affair and each one who attended felt greatly rewarded. Guests from Brazil, the Philippine Islands, Japan, Korea and Austria were introduced by their hosts. Each one spoke, and was received with enthusiasm. Similar groups, we understand, were entertained at Yakima and in other cities of the state.

Incidentally we might say that Dr. James Davis, the Director, who is one of our Congregational ministers, has resigned at Washington, and has gone to Michigan to head up a similar work. We shall miss Jim and his gracious wife very greatly. May the new field prove to be even more full of opportunities for service than was the one at the University of Washington.

EVANGELISM IDEAS

The Conference Evangelism Committee, with Rev. Robert R. Owen as Chairman, has planned to present to all ministers early in 1955 five suggested programs of Evangelism for the Local Church. It is expected that churches will adapt some, if not all, of the plans outlined to their use during the New Year. Ideas proposed will include "Invitation Evangelism, Preaching Mission, Neighborhood Cultivation Groups, Local Church Evangelism Institute and Laymen's Visitation program.

Dr. Clinton Ostrander in his **"Church and Home"** quotes, "Look for some task difficult to do, something which is a challenge to your skill and which has the spice of adventure in it. Find other companions to share the job and help you to carry on." These words come from Sir John Hunt, head of the expedition which conquered Mt. Everest. And, comments Dr. Ostrander, "This is the kind of high adventure offered by the church. The outcome is never a foregone conclusion. When we succeed it is glorious, and if we don't we'll try again."

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